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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
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From: William T Fujioka  
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## FAMILY PLACE PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

During Budget Deliberations on June 18, 2007, on motion by Supervisor Burke, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to transfer \$120,000 to the Public Library for expansion of the Family Place Program at the Compton, Culver City, and Lawndale Libraries. The Board also directed the CEO and Librarian to jointly report back, prior to supplemental budget changes in September 2007, with the status of progress made toward such expansion.

Attached is the status report for the Second District Family Place Program expansion.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact David Wei at (213) 893-2534.

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# **County of Los Angeles Public Library**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> District Family Place PROGRESS REPORT**

The Family Place Program provides a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization and family support. Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parent involvement, and supportive communities play a crucial role in young children's growth and development. Family Place is a trademarked initiative of Libraries for the Future (LLF) and the County Library is a member. The County of Los Angeles Public Library has developed nineteen Family Place libraries and seeks to expand the program.

Supervisor Burke has funded three additional Family Place libraries this fiscal year: Compton, Culver City Julian Dixon, and Lawndale. The following is a progress report on these sites:

### **Implementation**

Culver City and Lawndale will begin a partial implementation on November 15, 2007 with full implementation scheduled for April 2008. Compton Library is currently closed for a major renovation and is scheduled to re-open in April 2008. The Family Place program will be fully implemented at that time.

### **Staff Orientation and Training**

Continuing orientations with staff began in August with Culver City and Lawndale staff. An orientation with the CLM from Compton is scheduled for late September. These orientations will continue through the fall. New Family Place staffs are included in the County Library Family Place Network Meeting in October.

Family Place training has been scheduled for one librarian in October 2007 and two librarians in May 2008.

### **Space Planning**

An important component of Family Place is a comfortable and welcoming space for families. Site visits have been conducted to assess space and storage issues.

### **Family Place Materials, Furniture and Equipment**

The selection and purchase of books and other print and audiovisual materials, toys and furniture is core to the development of new Family Place Libraries. All orders for toys and materials will be completed by October 31, 2007.

### **Family Place Partnerships**

Community partners are another key ingredient for the Family Place Library. Staff at each location has already developed many collaborations in the community. Through the fall, they will seek early childhood resource specialists, such as nutritionists, speech and language therapists, and child development specialists to provide one-on-one information and assistance to parents at parent/child workshops.